

**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Art Unit 1636**

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For: **Folylpolyglutamyl Synthetase
Gene Transfer to Enhance
Antifolate Drug Sensitivity**

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Supplemental Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

Further to the Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, filed October 31, 2003, the Advisory Action mailed December 9, 2003, as well as the telephonic interview with the Examiner on December 19, 2003, Applicants submit the following supplemental amendment and reply to the final Office Action dated July 1, 2003 (Paper No. 16). A Petition for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee (less the fee for a one-month extension of time, previously paid) are being filed concurrently herewith. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

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- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
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- in ascending order;
- with status identifiers; and
- with markings in the currently amended claims;

(D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.